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From my own APARTMENT.

HO', as my Correſpondent ſays at the End of his Letter, I am of *another Opinion*, and believe *three Parts of the World* to be ſo; yet, as I profeſs myſelf unacquainted with many *natural Powers*, and know that very *famous Men* have eſpouſed the Doctrine here reviv'd, I will not refuſe him the *innocent Pleaſure* of ſeeing his Thoughts made publick. If they do not *inſtruct* or *convince*, I am ſatisfy'd they will *amuſe* and *divert* ſome of my Readers, which is one great Part of the *Buſineſs* of this *Paper*.

To HENRY STONECASTLE, *Eſq*;

SIR,

AS you are an *Univerſal Spectator*, moſt Things come within your Sphere, and I imagine *this* may be of the Number.

Among the many Diſcoveries which have been made by great and wiſe Men in Natural Things, there certainly is nothing comparable to the *Philoſopher's Stone*, ſuppoſing it to be no imaginary, but a real Thing. I have heard ſo many different Relations concerning it, and I find it ſpoken of ſo long ago, that it has induced me to believe there is ſuch a Thing. The Virtues attributed to this Compoſition are, firſt, that of curing all Diſtempers, and of preſerving the Body in perfect Health and Vigour as long as it can laſt; and then, of changing Metals into Gold. There is alſo a Compoſition, which changes Metals into Silver.

There was a Pamphlet publiſh'd, ſome Time ſince, dedicated to the *Royal Society*, intitled, *Wiſdom reputed Folly, or, The Compoſition and Reality of the Philoſopher's Stone*; out of which I'll beg Leave to tranſcribe a few Things, becauſe many may not have ſeen it.

'In the Reign of *Henry* IV. *England* was infeſted 'with numerous Cheats and Sophiſtications; inſo- 'much that, to put a Stop to that Miſchief, the 'Parliament thought fit to make a Statute againſt 'the Multiplication of Gold and Silver: Now that 'Statute was repeal'd the 1ſt of *Will.* & *Mar.* at the 'Repreſentation of that great Philoſopher, and cu- 'rious Obſerver, the late illuſtrious *Robert Boyle*, Eſq; 'who declar'd publickly, * That he had ſeen enough 'to be perſuaded that it was poſſible to graduate 'baſe Metals into perfect Gold.

His Opinion ſhould be of ſome Weight, I think.

'The *Indians* believ'd that their Gods were come 'down from Heaven to deſtroy them, when the '*Spaniards* firſt fell upon them with the Thunder of 'their Artillery: And I do believe that the antient '*Romans* would have thought the ſame, if they had 'been ſurpriz'd in the ſame Manner: Or if they had 'been told that it was poſſible to make a Machine 'vomiting Fire, and ſending forth Bullets that 'would kill them at a great Diſtance, no doubt they 'would have laugh'd at it. Again, if the Antients 'had been told, that by the Propriety of a certain 'Stone, the Art of Navigation could be ſo far im- 'prov'd, as to enable Men to conduct a Ship round 'the World, aſſuredly they would have judg'd it 'impoſſible.

'This is the Caſe of the *Philoſopher's Stone*: It is 'deem'd falſe, becauſe it is unknown, which it al- 'ways will be; for thoſe who poſſeſs the Secret will 'not diſcover themſelves, nor diſcloſe it, becauſe by 'that it would loſe great Part of its Value, and 'would breed Confuſion in the World, and which 'therefore no Man of Senſe would have publick.

Mr. *Boyle*, abovemention'd, had the Art of diſſolving Gold, which is counted by Chymiſts an Impoſſibility; and he told a Perſon, whom I knew very well, that he had a Secret, which, if public, would make Princes tremble on their Throne. What that might be, whether a ſubtle Poiſon, or ſomething elſe, we cannot tell.

'*Raymond Lullius* was one of thoſe who had at- 'tain'd the *Philoſopher's Stone*. He liv'd in the Days 'of *King Edward the Third*. He was, as he himſelf 'tells us, by repeated Inſtances, invited to *England* 'by the King, on ſolemn Promiſes, that he would 'wage War againſt the *Turks*; but finding he in- 'tended to make War upon *France*, he refus'd to 'ſerve him; for which he was detain'd in the *Tower*, 'but eſcap'd by a great Providence: From whence 'we may conclude, how dangerous it was always to 'the Poſſeſſors of the Stone to be known. It is 'ſaid that he being old, and like to die, recover'd 'his Juvenile Vigour with his *Potable Gold*; which 'I am inclin'd to believe for ſeveral Reaſons, which 'I have not room to mention here.

'The Teſtimony of *Bernard*, Count of the † *March* '*Treviſane*, ſeems to me reaſonably valid; for he in- 'genuouſly tells us, that after he had labour'd much 'from Eighteen to Sixty Years of Age, and had been 'cheated by deceitful Men, conſum'd great Sums of 'Money, and almoſt his paternal Eſtate, by apply- 'ing himſelf wholly to good Books, he acquir'd this 'Art, and compleated the Stone four Times, with 'which he cur'd the moſt incurable Diſtempers.

'*Zacharius*, a Gentleman of good Education and 'Fortune, went thro' the ſame Misfortunes, and at 'laſt attain'd it. He ſays,

"I ſaw by the Grace of God all thoſe Colours, "ſucceeding one another, after which, a Year "after the very *Eaſter-Day*, I ſaw the Perfection, "and, having made the Experience of it upon "Mercury, heated in a Crucible, I ſaw with my "own Eyes the Mercury converted into pure Gold, "in leſs than an Hour, with very little of that "Divine Powder. God knows with what Joy I "was penetrated: Nor grew I boaſting nor proud "to the leaſt of the World, but in Secret return'd "immortal Thanks to Almighty God for his great "Benefit, and pray'd him farther to give me Grace "to make good Uſe of it." 'He immediately de- 'parted from *France*, to live *incognito* in other Parts of '*Europe*.

'*Van Helmont*'s Teſtimony is direct and diſintereſted, 'who aſſures us, that with half a Grain of a Powder '*given* him, he tranſmuted into pure Silver, half a 'Pound of Mercury.

'*Boricchius* ſays, that an Experience of the Tranſ- 'mutation of Gold was made in *Denmark*, in the 'Preſence of ſome Perſons of Quality.

'But we have an unexceptionable Evidence in 'what is related and confirm'd by *Martin Maximilian* '*Praggmayr*, Doctor of Phyſick and Philoſophy, 'in his Philoſophical Scrutiny of the true Elixir of 'Life, at *Saltzburgh* in 1657. Which is thus:

"The Emperor *Ferdinand the Third*, with one "ſingle Grain of that *Philoſophical Tincture*, did, with "his own Hand, change into pure Gold, half a "Pound of Mercury, of which, for a perpetual "Monument of the Faſt, he cauſ'd to be made a "Kind of Coin, by Way of Medal, with this In- "ſcription on one Side:

'*Divi a Metamorphoſis exhibita Pragæ*, 1648; 15°. 'Januarii, *in præſentia Sacræ Cæſareæ Majeſtatis* 'Ferdin. III. On the Reverſe, *Raris ut hæc hominibus* 'eſt *Ars, ita rara in lucem prodit. Laudetur Deus in* 'æternum, *qui partem ſuæ infinitæ Potentiæ vobis ſuis ab-* 'jectiſſimis *Creaturis communicat.* That is to ſay,

'The divine Metamorphoſis made at *Prague*, in 'Preſence of his Sacred Majeſty the Emperor *Fer-* 'dinand III.

'As this Art is rare among Men, ſo it rarely ap- 'pears. Bleſſed be God, who hath given Part of his 'infinite Power to us his moſt deſpicable Creatures.

An Acquaintance of mine tells me, he knows a *German* that has the Art of making Silver, and has given him a Manuſcript Treatiſe concerning it.

I have been alſo told the following Story by two different Perſons, who aſſur'd me they had it from others who had ſeen the Ring and the Phyſician. This is it:

The Maſter of an Inn, not far from *Rouen* in *Normandy*, was extremely ill, and was attended by Monſ. *Porre*, the moſt eminent Phyſician of that Place. It happen'd during his Illneſs, that a Stranger put up there for ſome Days, who having perceiv'd that his Landlady was very dull, aſk'd her the Reaſon of it: She told him, that her Huſband was at the Point of Death; that he was a good Man, and that the Loſs would be to her irreparable. He aſk'd her if he could not ſee him: She told him that he had had all the Aſſiſtance imaginable, and that it was not poſſible to do him any Good; ſo ſhe did not care to diſturb him. He preſs'd her very hard, and ſaid, that his ſeeing him could not hurt him, and that he believ'd he *could* do him good. She refus'd it for a long while, but at laſt conſented, by the Advice of the Phyſician. The Stranger, when he ſaw him, acknowledg'd that he was extremely ill; but *what will you ſay to me*, ſays he, *if I make him dine with you To-morrow?* They ſaid the Thing was impoſſible, the Man was dying. The Apothecary, who was preſent, call'd the Stranger a Madman; but he was ſent away; (for they are not regarded there as they are here.) However, this Stranger gave them a very ſmall Quantity of a certain Powder for him to take, and told them it would carry off his violent Fever that very Night. The Patient took it accordingly, and ſweated all the Night moſt prodigiouſly. Monſ. *Porre*, when he came the next Day, was not a little ſurpriz'd to find the Fever quite gone. The Stranger then order'd the Patient to be taken up, and ſet at Table with them, and ſome Broth to be ſet before him; and after he had eat it he order'd him to Bed again, on account of his great Weakneſs; by which he fulfill'd his Promiſe.

Monſ. *Porre* was very much aſtoniſh'd, and could not underſtand it; but the Stranger told him, he would ſhew him ſomething elſe as extraordinary as that, and aſk'd him, if he had any Lead, or other Metal. Monſ. *Porre* ſaid, he had ſome Bullets in his Piſtols, and gave him one. The Stranger put it in ſomething over the Fire, and, throwing in a little of his Powder, he told him that in about an Hour's Time it would become Gold: *In the mean time*, ſays he, *I'll take a little Ride*; as he uſually did, at that Time of the Day; but deſir'd he would wait 'till his Return, to look at the Metal. Monſ. *Porre* waited for him a long time, 'till at laſt, being out of Patience, he broke the Thing the Metal was in, and behold, *Gold*, as he had been told; but however, to be ſatisfy'd, he carry'd it to a Goldſmith in the Town, and aſk'd him what it was. The Goldſmith told him it was the fineſt Gold. He then order'd him to make him a Ring of it, and ſold him the reſt.

* *The Author ſhould have pointed out where this Declaration, if in Print, may be found, or have own'd that it was only the Tradition of a Converſation.*

† *I ſuppoſe this ſhould be the Marquiſate of* Trevigiano.

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As for the Stranger, he never ſaw him afterwards, for he never return'd.

This Story, I think, deſerves Credit, becauſe thoſe who told it me, and whom I know to be Perſons of Veracity, ſay, thoſe they had it from were Men of Credit, and aſſerted it.

Had I time I could give you an Account of the Chymiſt's Apprentice in the Territories of the King of Pruſſia's Grandfather, who found a Tincture in a Phial, among many others that had belong'd to a Muſcovite Prieſt, which tranſmuted Metals into Gold, and who was kept Priſoner by the Elector of Saxony, in whoſe Territories he was taken, and by him made a Count, and preſented with a handſome Eſtate, in conſideration of the Gold he had made for him. He was the Inventor of the Dreſden China. Every German knows the Story.

I hope you'll not refuſe to publiſh this, tho' you may be of another Opinion, and perhaps three Parts of the World; but pleaſe a whimſical Fellow for once. Your Readers, I hope, will pardon this Intruſion.

I am, Sir,

Dec. 21, *at Night*, 1743. Your moſt humble Servant. H. B

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Conſtantinople, Dec. 21. We receive every Day Letters full of ill News from the Frontiers. Kouli Kan appear'd before the City of Karkut with a numerous Army, in hopes of taking it by Surprize; in which, however, he miſcarried, and his Troops were repuls'd with a great Slaughter. Soon after he return'd with a conſiderable Train of Artillery, beſieg'd the Place in Form, carried it by Aſſault, and put all the Inhabitants, as well as all the Garriſon, to the Sword. Upon the firſt Advice of the Siege, a Body of our Troops, conſiſting of 50,000 Men, march'd in order to relieve it; but, by the Addreſs of the Perſian Monarch, they were drawn into an Ambuſcade, and defeated. The News of this, and of the Exerciſe at Kerkur, frighted the City of Mouſoul into a Surrender. Kouli Kan has ſince begun his March towards Aleppo; not only with a View to cut off Proviſions from our Troops, but with Intention alſo to deprive the City of Babylon of all Hopes of Relief.

Peterſburg, Dec. 11. The Day before Yeſterday arriv'd here an Expreſs from our Miniſter at Conſtantinople, with the important News, that the Perſians had block'd up Bagdad, and that the Turks had offer'd to reſtore the Provinces formerly conquer'd from that Empire; upon which a Negotiation was begun.

Stockholm, Dec. 2. M. Ringwicht, who is appointed Miniſter from this Court to that of Great Britain, receiv'd Yeſterday his final Orders and Inſtructions from the Chancery, and he propoſes without fail to ſet out one Day next Week on his Journey to England.

Francfort, Dec. 23. The Emperor has lately receiv'd a Letter from the King of Pruſſia, wherein his Pruſſian Majeſty tells him, 'That he heard with a great 'deal of Concern, by his Imperial Majeſty's Letter 'of the 25th of November, the Manner in which the 'Elector of Mentz was prevail'd on to carry to the 'Diſtatorſhip of the Empire, without previouſly 'adviſing either with the Emperor or the Electoral 'College, ſeveral Pieces containing Proteſts againſt 'the Validity of his Imperial Majeſty's Election, 'tho' the ſaid Pieces were preſented under the Title 'of an Anſwer to the Memorial of M. de la Noue, 'the French Miniſter, and as if there was no other 'Deſign in them but to ſave the Rights of the Electoral Vote of Bohemia: That every good and loyal 'German Patriot ought to be concern'd at any thing 'that may tend to invalidate the Election of ſo 'worthy a Head of the Empire as his Imperial Majeſty is; and, conſequently, that his Pruſſian Majeſty cannot diſpenſe with himſelf from oppoſing it 'with all his Forces, and maintaining the Honour 'and Dignity of the Empire in the Perſon of its 'auguſt Head. That the Emperor may be perſuaded 'that he will concur with pleaſure in all the Meaſures that his Imperial Majeſty ſhall think fit 'to take, in order to ſecure his Honour and the 'Validity of his Election from all Attempts that 'may be made againſt it. That he has charg'd his 'Miniſter at the Dyet to conſult with thoſe of his 'Imperial Majeſty, to the End that the Moment 'the Affair in Queſtion ſhall be laid before that Aſſembly by a Commiſſorial Decree, he may give his 'Vote in the Electoral College, and in that of the 'Princes, in ſuch a Manner as may convince not 'only the Empire, but the whole World, that his 'Pruſſian Majeſty is reſolv'd to maintain, with all 'his Power, the Honour and Dignity of the Head 'of the Empire, as alſo the Validity of his Imperial 'Majeſty's lawful Election, againſt all thoſe who 'may attempt to ſtrike at them in the leaſt, &c.

Berlin, Dec. 24. The King has declar'd to divers Courts, 'That having nothing more at Heart than 'to ſee Tranquility reſtor'd in the Empire, and the 'Powers at War united by a ſolid and laſting Peace, 'his Majeſty is wholly employ'd at preſent in ſeeking the propereſt Methods to ſucceed therein, without ſtriking at the Freedom of the Parties concern'd, or curbing them in their reciprocal Pretenſions: That, nevertheleſs, as it is not in his Majeſty's Power alone to reconcile Minds heated by the War, and the Writings publiſh'd on both Sides 'ſince the Commencement of the Troubles, and as he 'cannot alſo be the only Mediator in an Affair of this 'Importance, but, at the moſt, offer, alike to the 'Emperor and the Queen of Hungary his good 'Offices for reſtoring a good Harmony between 'them, he hopes that the neutral Powers, and in 'particular the States General of the United Provinces, will condeſcend, for the Sake of the Repoſe 'of Europe, to lay this Affair to Heart, and engage 'the King of Great Britain to join with them in inclining the Queen of Hungary to come into Meaſures 'for an amicable Accommodation, while his Majeſty, in conjunction with ſome other States of the 'Empire, uſes his Endeavours with the Emperor and 'the Circles, in order to remove, with more eaſe, 'the Obſtacles that may retard the Accompliſhment 'of ſo ſalutary a Work.

Francfort, Dec. 26. Baron Haſſang, the Emperor's Envoy Extraordinary to the Britiſh Court, ſet out a few Days ago for London; his Excellency is charg'd to confer with the King of Great Britain's Miniſtry about the Means to render certain Overtures for an Accommodation palatable.

Madrid, Dec. 10. The Biſhop of Rennes, Embaſſador from France, has had ſeveral Conferences with the Miniſtry within theſe few Days, and a Report has ſince prevail'd, that his Excellency has concluded an offenſive and defenſive Alliance between the King his Maſter and his Catholick Majeſty, by which it is pretended France engages to furniſh Spain with 50 Men of War and 40,000 Men, 10,000 of whom are to be tranſported to Italy.

Genoa, Dec. 10. A Grand Council was held a few Days ago, in which a Reſolution was taken, after mature Deliberation, to borrow a Million of Crowns from the Bank of St. George, to defray the urgent Neceſſities of the State. Some People infer from this Reſolution, that the Government is going to arm, eſpecially as there is already ſome Talk of raiſing 10,000 Men, and keeping the Militia in Readineſs to march; and nothing can be better Proof that the Affairs of Corſica are in a good Way, than the thirty Captains Commiſſions juſt ſent over for raiſing as many Companies in that Iſland, the Deſtination of which we begin already to foreſee. It was likewiſe reſolv'd in the ſame Council to iſſue 100,000 Livres for repairing and augmenting the Fortifications of Savonna.

Genoa, Dec. 14. The Maſter of a Veſſel lately arriv'd from Marſeilles reports, that they take up moſt of the Ships that put into that Harbour, and ſend them to Toulon in order to ſerve as Tranſports in the new Expedition to Italy: He adds, that the ſame Thing is done in the other Ports of Provence, which we have a Confirmation of by private Advices.

Admiral Matthews continues cruizing with ſeveral Men of War between Monaco and the River Varo.

From the Paris Advertiſement, Jan. 1.

They write from Breſt, that the Squadron belonging to that Port, conſiſting of 14 Men of War, ſtill lyes in the Road; that it will put to Sea the 4th Inſtant, and ſteer for Toulon; and that they work Night and Day in equipping ſeveral new Ships, which are to go out at the ſame time.

LONDON.

Sunday being Chriſtmas-Day there was a numerous and ſplendid Appearance at Court to pay their Compliments to his Majeſty, when the Knights Companions of the ſeveral Orders appear'd in their reſpective Collars: At Noon his Majeſty, with the reſt of the Royal Family, went to the Chapel-Royal, and heard a Sermon preach'd by the Right Rev. Dr. Sherlock, Biſhop of Saliſbury, Lord High Almoner; after which they receiv'd the Sacrament from the Hands of the Lord Biſhop of London, being aſſiſted by the Biſhop of Hereford, Clerk of the Cloſet to his Majeſty. His Majeſty made an Offering at the Altar of a Wedge of Gold, commonly call'd the Byzant. The Sword of State was carried to and from the Chapel by the Right Hon. the Lord Delawar, Knight of the Bath.

We hear that his Majeſty has given the Palace wherein the late Sir John Jennings, Governor of the Royal Hoſpital at Greenwich, reſided, together with the Park thereunto belonging, to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland; and that the ſaid Palace is to be fitted up for his Reception for a Country Seat.

On Tueſday laſt the Duke of Cumberland went to Greenwich to ſee the Houſe and Park there: And we hear his Royal Highneſs intends to keep a Barge and ſeveral Watermen.

Gentlemen nominated to the Lords of his Majeſty's Moſt Honourable Privy-Council, as proper Perſons to be High Sheriffs for the Year enſuing for the following Counties.

Montgomeryſh. Thomas Foulkes, of Penthryn, Eſq;
William Evans, of Llanrinio, Eſq;
Gabriel Wynn, of Dolarthein, Eſq;
Denbighſhire, Edward Jones, of Ddole, Eſq;
Thomas Price, of Kefn y Wern, Eſq;
David Yale, of Plas yn Yale, Eſq;
Flintſhire, Edward Jones, of St. Aſaph, Eſq;
Robert Davids, of Llanerth, Eſq;
Hugh Clough, Eſq;

The Lords of the Admiralty have order'd the Cornwall Man of War, an eighty Gun Ship, now at Portſmouth, to be victuall'd and Mann'd, and to ſail for Jamaica, to relieve the Cumberland, Admiral Ogle, who is order'd to return home on the Arrival of the ſaid Ship. And

Three Ships of 70 Guns each are order'd to join the Cornwall, in order to relieve the Rippon, York and Falmouth, who are to return home.

The Lords of the Admiralty have order'd two Men of War of 70 Guns, three of 60, and two of 50, to be mann'd and victuall'd with all Expedition for a Fleet of Obſervation.

Monday came on at Windſor the Election of a Member to ſerve in the preſent Parliament for that Borough, in the room of Henry Fox, Eſq; appointed a Lord of the Treaſury, when the ſaid Gentleman was re-elected.

The Lords of the Treaſury have appointed Mr. Laurence Sidney, a Landwaiter in the Port of London, in the room of Mr. Smith, deceas'd.

On Saturday laſt the Commiſſioners of Exciſe appointed Mr. Nurſe, General Surveyor in the London Brewery, to be a Permit Writer, in the room of Mr. Weſt, deceas'd.

Laſt Week Mr. Thornicroft, a near Relation to the late Sir John Thornicroft, Bart. was appointed, by the Lords of the Treaſury, an Inſpector of the Cuſtoms in the Ports of Lewis and Dover, in the room of Mr. Clarkſon, deceas'd.

On Thurſday ſe'nnight Henry Archer, Eſq; Member of Parliament for the Borough of Warwick, was married to the Right Hon. the Lady Betty Montagu, Siſter to the Earl of Halifax, a Lady of diſtinguiſh'd Merit and Accompliſhments. Soon after the Ceremony was over the new-marry'd Couple ſet out for the Earl's Seat in Buſhy-Park.

The ſame Day Mr. Waller, poſſeſs'd of a large Eſtate in Suſſex, was married at Camberwell in Surrey to Miſs Sarah Adams, Siſter to Mr. Adams, a wealthy Hop-Factor in Shoreditch, a beautiful young Lady, with a Fortune of 8000 l.

Laſt Saturday was married at Dulwich Chapel, Mr. Spencer, a Farmer and Grazier at Guilford, to Miſs Amelia Jackſon, Daughter of the Rev. Mr. Jackſon, Rector of St. Mary's Nottingham, a beautiful young Lady with a large Fortune.

Last Week Mr. Scott, a Clerk in the Court of Exchequer, was married at Audley Chapel to Miss Webb of Soho-Square, an agreeable young Lady, with a Fortune of 10,000 l.

Monday Paul Gore, of Litchfield, Esq; was married at St. Margaret's, Westminster, to Miss Brandon of Hampstead, an Heiress with a Fortune of 15,000 l.

Last Tuesday Mr. Lambert, a Wine Merchant in Goodman's-fields, was married at St. Paul's Shadwell, to Miss Anne Gregory, Daughter of Mr. Gregory, an eminent Silkman in the same Place, a celebrated Beauty with a Fortune of 10,000 l.

Letters from Ghent advise, that on the 26th Instant, N. S. died there Capt. Smith, one of the Captains of the First Regiment of Foot Guards, a Gentleman greatly belov'd for his Bravery and Humanity.

Last Week died at the House of Neill Buchanan, Esq; Levin Gale, Esq; Chief Justice and Major-General of the Province of Maryland, who lately came from thence on Account of his bad State of Health.

On Thursday the 15th Instant died, at his Seat at Ormsby in the County of York, James Pennyman, Esq; eldest Son to Sir James Pennyman, of Thornton in the said County, Bart. He married one of the Daughters of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, and has died without Issue.

Last Week died at Bristol the Rev. Mr. Becher, Son of the late Mr. Alderman Becher, one of the Chaplains to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Rector of Temple and St. Stephen's, in that City.

They write from Sandbick in Cheshire, that last Week died there the Rev. and Learned Mr. John Saw, one of the Prebendaries of Lincoln Cathedral.

Last Week died at Bath, in the 60th Year of his Age, Hugh Henry, of Dublin, Esq; a wealthy Banker.

On Sunday died suddenly, after eating a hearty Dinner, Mr. Richard Armson, an eminent Attorney in Walbrook.

On Sunday last died at Gravesend, Mr. Chapman, a Searcher of the Customs in the Port of London: It is remarkable that he had been to visit a Friend in that Town, and came from thence to his Lodgings seemingly in perfect Health; but no sooner had he sat himself in his Chair but he complain'd of a Dizziness in his Head, and in a Quarter of an Hour after he died without speaking a Word. His Death is universally lamented, being a Gentleman of great Humanity and Charity.

On Monday died at his Chambers in the King's-Bench-Walks in the Temple, William Brewster, Esq; Clerk of the Errors.

Tuesday Morning died, after a lingring Illness, at his Lodgings at Camberwell, Mr. Browne, an Orange Merchant in Thames-street, reputed worth 20,000 l.

The same Day died, at his House in Pallmall, Mr. Dawson, Barber, to his Majesty's Houshold.

Wednesday se'nnight the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. No. 13,635, 5000 l. 12,450, 1000 l. 31,049, 500 l. 78,435, 40,828, 72,201, 47,374, and 26,321, 100 l. each.

Thursday se'nnight the following Numbers came up Prizes, viz. 56,833, 1000 l 14,797, and 79,830, 500 l. each, 23,716, 21,483, 15,129, 20,831, 57,434, 6,073, and 59,146, 100 l. each.

On Friday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 46,000, 1000 l. 62,801 and 48,592, 500 l. each; 46,632, 68,888, 74,821, 17,737, 67,784, 4482, 35,874, 21,935, 100 l. each.

Last Saturday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 63,747, 10,000 l. 34,745, 1000 l. 29,443, 500 l. 61,429, 26,364, 61,822, 21,282, and 17,512, 100 l. each.

On Monday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. No. 7,238, 22,323, and 28,351, 100 l. each.

On Tuesday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 7,423, 1000 l. 28,105, 57,423, and 61,308, 100 l. each.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor has presented the Rev. Mr. Thomas Dawson to the Vicarage of Otley, in the County and Diocese of York.

On Monday last the Rev. Philip Barton, A. M. Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, was collated by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, to the Rectory of Sherrington in the County of Bucks, vacant by the Resignation of the last Incumbent.

Last Saturday upwards of 2000 Weight of Tea was brought from Winchester to the Excise-Office, and lodg'd in the King's Warehouse there, which had been seiz'd by Mr. North, Supervisor, and Mr. Stibbs, Officer of that District.

The same Day six Hogsheads of fine Spanish Wine were seiz'd by Mess. Nutt, Simpson, and North, Tidesmen, at Rotherhithe, as they were attempting to land it, and brought to the King's Warehouse at the Custom-House.

Monday Morning Mr. Hall, a Landcarriage Officer belonging to the Customs, seiz'd upwards of 600 Weight of Tea at Woolwich, which was brought to the Custom-House.

Friday last Week the Officers of the Customs in the Port of Yarmouth seiz'd a Vessel arriv'd from Dunkirk, in which was upwards of 3000 Weight of Tea, with Brandy, Cambricks, &c. which they brought into Yarmouth Road; the Smugglers made an Attempt to retake it, but were prevented by the Assistance of some Fishing Vessels, by which Means they brought their Capture to Yarmouth Custom-house, and lodg'd it in the King's Warehouse.

On Tuesday Morning, about Seven o'Clock, a Fire broke out at Hammersmith, over-against the Pound, in an empty House, next to Mr. Blye, a Grocer and Chandler; which burnt down the House where it begun, and likewise Mr. Blye's, who had a large Stock of Goods, and sav'd little or nothing. A strange Man and Woman were seen to go out of it a little before the Fire broke out; and, it is suppos'd, they had been there all Night, and either did it maliciously or carelessly.

Last Sunday Evening Mr. Hurst, a Baker in Shoreditch, and his Wife, coming to Town from Hornsey in a Chaise, were attack'd by three Footpads, who robb'd him of his Watch and three Guineas: He begg'd they would not meddle with his Wife; but they insisted upon the immediate Delivery of her Money and Rings, which were accordingly given to them, and then they made off.

Tuesday Mr. Spencer, a Clerk of the Custom-house, was attack'd near New Cross, in the Road to Greenwich, by a single Footpad dress'd in a Sailor's Jacket, who robb'd him of nine Guineas and then made off.

Wednesday se'nnight Richard Deeks was committed to Ipswich Goal, by John Sparrow, Esq; for being found at large while under Sentence of Transportation. He was convicted, at the last Assizes at Bury, of breaking the House of Capt. Fox, of Stradbrook, and stealing several Pieces of Plate, for which he was sentenced to be transported for seven Years, and being brought back to Ipswich Gaol after the Assizes he broke out of it about the Middle of last September. Since he broke out of Gaol he has been in Lincolnshire, from whence he came back to Stradbrook, and was taken there about One o'Clock on Wednesday Morning by Capt. Fox's three Sons. He was in Bed at a Relation's, but having Notice of the Design of apprehending him, got out and ran a Mile or two without Shoes or Stockings before he was overtaken, when one of the young Gentlemen threaten'd to shoot him if he did not surrender: His Answer was, he should be oblig'd to him for that; but was resolv'd to kill any Man who should attempt to take him alive. He gave the Gentleman who first seiz'd him two Wounds on the Head and one in the Breast, with a large Knife, and would probably have done what he had threaten'd, if the Knife had not broke.

On Saturday last one Thomas Giles, otherwise Goodwin, a notorious Pickpocket, was brought before Col. De Veil about Nine o'Clock at Night, for threatning to kill a Chairman and cut his Chair to Pieces; the Colonel immediately knew him, having had him under his Hands before; and being sensible it was almost impossible to carry him safe to any remote Gaol, he order'd him 'till Morning to be secur'd in Covent-Garden Roundhouse, and for that Purpose gave him in Charge (with a proper Authority) to Mr. Jonathan Scriven, a Constable, and order'd several other Persons to assist the said Constable; but they had not been gone above three Doors from the Colonel's House, when a resolute Gang of Pickpockets, arm'd with Cutlasses and Bludgeons, gave the Constable so many desperate Blows and Wounds, that he immediately fell to the Ground bereft of his Speech and Senses; he was immediately let Blood, but there is little or no Hope of his Life, his Wounds being very dangerous, and he lies in a very deplorable Condition. Now if an Attempt of this Kind dares be made at so little a Distance from a Magistrate's House, who spares none of those Rogues when they come to his Hands, what must become of us all if the Power of committing Criminals after Night ceases, by constant Rescues? And what Constable, or what Gaolers can, with common Prudence, undertake carrying Prisoners to Gaol after it is dark, when they have hardly a Chance of surviving another Day? unless the Legislature shall, in their great Wisdom, interpose, in making it Felony to rescue any Felon committed by a Magistrate, which Crime is a total Stop to Justice; and if this Practice is not put a Stop to, Thieves and Robbers will every Night, by Plunder and Rapine, and by Wounds and Murders, destroy his Majesty's liege Subjects.

Last Week Advice came, that the Vernon, James, from Jamaica for London, (one of the second Fleet) was taken the 8th Instant off Cape Clear, by a large Spanish Privateer of 200 Men, call'd the St. Peter, and is carried into Brest, after a smart Engagement, in which Capt. James had his Leg and Arm shot off, and is since dead: Several others of the Crew (which were about 40 in Number) were kill'd and wounded.

Sunday came Advice, that the Britannia, Moncour, from St. Kitt's for London, was taken the 8th Instant, S. by E. twenty Leagues from Cape Clear, by the La Sengo Livegona, Capt. Joseph Gorgunas, of Bilboa, of eight Carriage and eight Swivel Guns, and 103 Men, after an Engagement of two Hours and a Quarter. The said Privateer, 24 Hours before, took the Chesterfield, Ebsworthy, from Jamaica for Bristol; and on the 10th Instant took a small Vessel bound from Nantz to Cork, and a Vessel from Cork for Lisbon. Capt. Moncour writes, that whilst he was on board the Privateer they took two other Prizes.

Extract of a Letter from Capt. Thomas Brooks, dated at Leghorn, Dec. 4, 1743, O. S.

'On the 18th of November, O. S. the Island of Cabarera bearing N. by E. Distance about four 'Leagues, we met with a Majorca Sloop, the 'largest belonging to that Island; about Six in the 'Evening she pass'd athwart our Fore-Foot; I hail'd 'him, he answer'd from Port-mahon, in very bad 'English, which made me suspect him to be a Rogue, 'on which I fir'd ten or twelve Guns at him; he 'return'd three, then got away upon our Weather 'Quarter, out of Gun-Shot, and kept dogging us 'all Night, till Seven next Morning, when he bore 'down upon us, and kept a little on our Weather 'Quarter, as we being close to the Wind could not 'bring any of our Guns in the Waist to bear upon 'him, so that we had only one Gun, out of the 'Stern-Ports, to bear upon him, and he went so 'much faster than we, that he was on board us be'fore we could load that Gun the third Time, when 'he boarded us on the Larboard Quarter; then we 'fir'd the three aftermost Guns at him; he fir'd all 'his Great Guns and Small Arms, and enter'd his 'Men; then we took to our Close Quarters: He lay 'on board us about an Hour, and his Men that he 'enter'd got on our Tops and Mast-heads, cut away 'our Slings, Yards and Tyes, and made us like a 'Wreck, damag'd our Sails by his Guns, and drove 'in our Ballast-Port, wherein we found five Round 'Shot and half a Crow: In about an Hour we had 'shatter'd him so much, that he was oblig'd to let 'go from us, when we sallied out of our Close Quar'ters, fir'd among the Men they left on board in the 'Shrouds and Tops, and they call'd out for Quarter, 'and I bid them come down and gave them Quarter, 'being nine in all, five wounded and four well, and 'four we hove overboard dead; several were shot 'out of the Shrouds that I tumbled overboard, and 'several jump'd overboard: As to how many we 'kill'd and wounded on board the Shebeck we are 'not certain, but believe a good many; they had 'cut down our Colours, but as soon as we sallied 'out, hoisted them again at the Mizen-Peak. He 'sent his Boat to take up what he could of his Men 'that were swimming in the Water; then he wore 'his Vessel, hawl'd down his Colours, and made off 'as fast as he could: He had set us on fire in two

' Places with his Powder-Flasks, which we timely ' put out, then went to knotting and splicing our ' Rigging, and put the Ship in Order for Sailing. ' Thank God we had but two hurt, viz. James Ad- ' dison, second Mate, endeavouring to put the Fire ' out in the Yawl, had his Face blown up by a Pow- ' der-Flash; and a Portuguese Sailor that did not ' get in the Close Quarters, was barbarously cut and ' hack'd, and left for dead; they are both now pretty ' well. Our People all behav'd well. The Name of ' the Shebeck is the Santo-Christo-Santo-Cruse, Capt. ' Antonio Fotello, belonging to Majorca, with eight ' large Carriage Guns, 18 Patteraroes, 100 Men, and ' a very great Quantity of Small Arms.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, Dec. 24. The King has been pleas'd to appoint the Right Hon. Henry Pelham, Esq; George Compton, and Philips Gybbon, together with Charles Sackville, Esq; commonly called Earl of Middlesex, and Henry Fox, Esq; to be Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has been pleas'd to constitute and appoint the Right Hon. John Lord Monson, Martin Bladen, Edward Ashe, the Hon. James Brudenell, Richard Plummer, Robert Herbert, and Benjamin Keene, Esqrs. together with Sir Charles Gilmour, Bart. to be his Majesty's Commissioners for Trade and Plantations.

The King has been pleas'd to constitute and appoint William Corbett, Esq; to be one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy.

The King has been pleas'd to grant unto Sir John Rushout, Bart. the Office or Place of Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy.

The King has been pleas'd to grant the Dignity of a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain unto the the Right Hon. Samuel Sandys, Esq; by the Name, Stile and Title of Lord Sandys, Baron of Omberley in the County of Worcester.

And also to grant the Dignity of a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain to Henry Arthur Herbert, Esq; of Oakly Park, in the County of Salop, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Herbert of Chirbury in the said County.

The King has been pleas'd to grant unto the Hon. Henry Finch, Esq; the Office or Place of Surveyor of his Majesty's Works; and also to grant unto Denzil Onslow, Esq; the Office or Place of Paymaster of the Works.

The King has been pleas'd to constitute the Hon. Charles Hamilton, Esq; Receiver-General and Collector of his Majesty's Revenues in the Island of Minorca.

The King has been pleas'd to constitute Robert Penny, Esq; to be his Majesty's Attorney-General in the Island of Jamaica.

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William Lockier, of the Parish of Avening in the County of Gloucester, Clothier.

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John Francis, of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne, Pattin-maker and Chymist.

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Diseases. Aged 2429. Consumption 4353. Convulsion 6761. Dropsy 1043. Fevers 3857. Small-Pox 2029. Teeth 1121.

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Whereof have died,

Under Two Years old	8621	Eighty and Ninety	629
Between Two and Five	1955	Ninety and a Hundred	93
Five and Ten	647	A Hundred	5
Ten and Twenty	813	A Hundred and One	1
Twenty and Thirty	1935	A Hundred and Two	1
Thirty and Forty	2342	A Hundred and Three	3
Forty and Fifty	2611	A Hundred and Four	3
Fifty and Sixty	2004	A Hundred and Five	2
Sixty and Seventy	1729	A Hundred and Six	1
Seventy and Eighty	1507		

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